

The Plumbline

Scriptures to use for Searching your Soul

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Amo 7:7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall [made] by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand.

How is it with your soul?

It is easy to give thanks when all is going well, when all seems to be going the way we want. It is easy to say *Thank You*, when someone has reached out to us and helped us to obtain what we want or made a situation easier for us. But the life of the Christian who has given their life fully and completely to the Lord is not about having it, having life, our way. It is about serving the Lord God in Christ Jesus – come what may, and all for His glory and honor.

We are called to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and look unto Him, the author and finisher of our faith. We are called to trust Him and follow Him with thanksgiving, singing His praises with our mouth, and with our lives.

Psalm 95:1 O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Psalm 95:2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

Plumbline: Psalm 30.49; 97.12

Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Perhaps there needs to be some soul searching as King David prayed:

Psalm 139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Psalm 139:24 And see if [there be any] wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

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Rom 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

A chorus from many years ago comes to mind when reading that we are to Give Thanks in Everything.

Give thanks with a grateful heart.
Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.

We so easily forget to give thanks because most of us are grumbling. We are great complainers, sad to say. The Lord God has given His all; He gave His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ to die on the Cross of Calvary for our sins. And, yet, we want more. More of what, is my question.

We behave like children, all too often, "Give me, give me, give me."

Will we do what II Samuel 22.50 and Psalm 18.49 says? Are we so touched by the Lord God in His love for us, in His holiness in the midst of a raging war with the enemy that we will sing praises unto His Holy Name – even when among the heathen?

2Sa 22:50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.

Psalm 18:49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.

Can we rejoice in the midst of the heathen, in the midst of those who flaunt their gods? Oh, how hard, how difficult, it must have been for the children of Israel to give thanks unto the Lord God, to rejoice in the Lord God when in captivity. But are we not in captivity in our own lives – because we have not surrendered our all to Him Who died for us?

Psalm 97:12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Rejoice in the Lord, and, again I say,

REJOICE IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!

Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.